

## **Grazing Management CSP Enhancement**

## Conservation Practice Job Sheet

☐ Improve plant health and soil quality through reduced animal wintertime confinement to four months or less.

Prolonged confinement of animals in solitary lots, pens or pastures can impair soil quality, negatively affect plant health and vigor, and increase erosion. Grazing systems that include strategies to prolong the grazing season (such as stockpiling pasture forage, lightly utilizing forage on select grazing units during the grazing season providing for winter grazing use and minimizing wintertime confinement) can reduce the negative effects of livestock confinement periods.

**Operation and Maintenance:** Grazing land forage balances and grazing unit use periods should be planned annually to allow for winter livestock use in a manner that will reduce extended livestock confinement periods. This action will provide positive soil and plant effects.

**Documentation Required**: Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of fields used during the core winter months. An example is provided to assist you.

Farm #	Field # (area confined in)	Confinement Period	Acres Treated